weaving industry of Hathras. The State, Cooperative and private sector spinning mills in the region also have their own arrangements for sale of yarn to the weaving industry in Hathras through private dealers. However, Government are willing to consider specific cases, if and when they are brought to their notice.

[English]

Overdrawal of Funds by States

4235. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The States which has sought permission from the Union Government for overdrawal of funds from the Reserve Bank of India for financing various developmental schemes in their respective States during the last two financial years;

(b) the funds allocated to Tamil Nadu by the Union Government during 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(c) whether these funds were spent by the Government of Tamil Nadu for the same purposes for which the allocation was made; and

(d) if not, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The transactions of State Governments with the Reserve Bank of India are governed by the Overdraft Regulation Scheme under which:

(i) A State Government is authorised to draw up to the Ways and Means limit specified for the Government, and

(ii) Should the State Government remain in overdraft beyond 7 consecutive working days over the authorised Ways and Means limit, the Reserve Bank of India suspend payments on behalf of the State Government.

Some State Governments namely, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh have requested for increasing their Ways and Means limit for their States.

(b) The net Central assistance to Tamil Nadu for their annual plan for 1988-89 was Rs. 386.43 crores and for 1989-90 was Rs. 428.25 crores.

(c) and (d) Central assistance for State plan is allocated in the form of block loan and block grant for the plan as a whole subject to achievement of expenditure targets for certain specific earmarked schemes, including the minimum needs programme. Government of Tamil Nadu reported total plan exependiture of Rs. 1296.00 crores in 1988-89 and Rs. 1466.00 crores in 1989-90 against the revised plan outlays of Rs. 1201.93 crores and Rs. 1396.71 crores respectively. However, as under the minimum needs programme/earmarked schemes some shortfall in expenditure was projected with reference to the allocations in the revised plan outlay, a proportionate out of Rs. 9.14 crores for 1988-89 and Rs. 2.48 crores for 1989-90 was made out of Central assistance for State plan.

[Translation]

Alleged Corruption and Irregularities in B. I. C. Limited, Kanpur

4236. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received some complaints about corruption and irregularities in British India Corporation, Kanpur a unit of NTC;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard so for:

(c) whether the Government propose to reconstitute the Board of Directors of British India Corporation which is functioning for the last several years: and

(d) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints have been referred for investigation and report to British India Corporation Ltd., and Government of U. P.

(c) No, Sir. However it has been proposed to include the General Manager, Cawnpore Textile Mills and Executive Director Champarun Sugar Works and Cawnpore Sugar Works on the Board of British India Corporation for better functional Coordination.

(d) Does not arise.

Road Accidents

4237. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of road accidents in the country during the last six months;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured, State-wise;

(c) the extent of loss of public property; and

(d) the amount paid as compensation to the next of kin of those killed in accidents and to the injured persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF *THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)* : *(a) and (b) The information* is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The information is not available on the extent of loss of public property as a result of road accidents.

(d) No Compensation is directly paid by the Central Government to the next of kin of those killed and injured in road accidents. Compensation is paid by Insurance Companies.

Measures to Encouragement Exports

4238. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken or propose to take any effective measure to encourage the exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Import & Export Policy is kept constantly under review and changes thereto are made as and when warranted and notified in the Gazette of India.

A few measures to encourage exports were recently announced. Details in this regard are contained in Public Notices No. 173-ITC(PN)/90-93, dated 4th July, 1991, and 189 to 192-ITC(PN)/90-93 all dated 14th